

CAPSULE SUMMARY - HOWLIN BARN 'B' (CT-1056)

Howlin Barn 'B' is representative of barns constructed in pre-Civil War Calvert County. Consisting of a 24 x 40 transverse axis plan barn with an original shed on the south side, the barn is located on a sloping field on the edge of Smoky road in Huntingtown. Its historical association is not known. Both the barn and shed make use of re-used materials. In spite of modifications to allow vehicle access, original materials include vertical weatherboards attached with cut nails, and a shingle roof extant below metal sheathing.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1056

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Howlin Barn B

2. Location

street & number Smoky Rd.

 not for publicationcity, town Huntingtown X Lower Marlboro
vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>X</u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u>X</u> other: unused

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ed Howlin Construction

street & number 2880 Dunkirk Way telephone no.: 257-2500

city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD 20754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 289

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 676

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support. See Attachment.

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1056

Howlin barn B is located on the corner of Cari and Smoky Roads. The barn is reached by taking highway four to Lower Marlboro Rd., turning onto Mill Bridge Road and taking this to Smoky Road. This barn is scheduled to be demolished in order to develop the area. The ground that the barn is situated on has eroded greatly to the west, and slopes down on the east side. The barn roof is on a north-south axis. There is no farm or farm house that the barn is associated with. The pre-Civil War era barn measures forty by twenty-four feet and employs hewn timbers and fully mature machine cut nails in its construction. There is an original fifteen foot wide shed on the south side.

The barn is separated into five eight foot bays, and has a transverse axis plan, with doors centered along each facade. The barn contains ten rooms. Concrete blocks and large unmortared field stones support the frame. The posts are hewn and joined to the top plate with mortise and tenon joints with trunnels. Down braces, cross sill, and top plate are also hewn. The sill has been cut out in order to accommodate vehicle passage through the central aisle, but the eight-foot wide doorway appears original. Many of the timbers have non-sensical empty mortises, and appear to be re-used. The nails that are original to the barn construction are fully mature machine cut nails. A few unusual nails with a central "bulls-eye" marking are visible in the downbraces where they join the sill. The vertical wall siding that covers the exterior of the barn appears original. Consistent with its nineteenth-century date, the barn has no ventilation doors. The original wooden shingle roof is still in place under the metal roof that now covers the barn. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. King posts, windbraces, and three collars support the roof. Tier poles are separated by forty-three inches vertical distance. The poles down the central axis are separated by four feet. The re-used timbers have stud mortises and some wrought nails. This barn was probably largely built from the remains of an eighteenth century barn.

The bay divisions of the south shed correspond to those of the barn. The shed has no sill and is constructed of earth-fast posts. The nailing rails and other lower timbers are circular sawn and lighter than those of the barn. The upper timbers including the tie beams and rafters are hewn and pit sawn. There are no nails or nail holes in the barn rafters below their junction with the shed rafters so the south shed is probably original. It is likely that the lower portions have had to be replaced due to weathering over the years. The south shed has plain vertical siding with minimal ventilation. An original wooden shingle roof still remains under the metal roof.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1056

This barn is architecturally significant as a member of the twenty-four by forty foot pre Civil War tobacco barn group found during this survey. It is also significant as an example of extensive re-use of timbers and materials from an earlier barn. The southern exposure of the shed appears to be the most frequent location of an original shed.

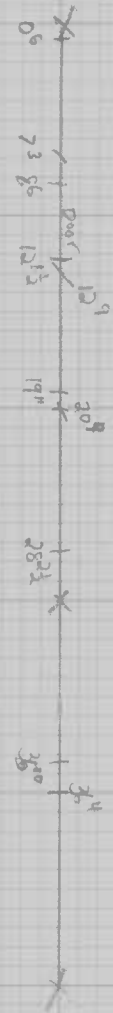
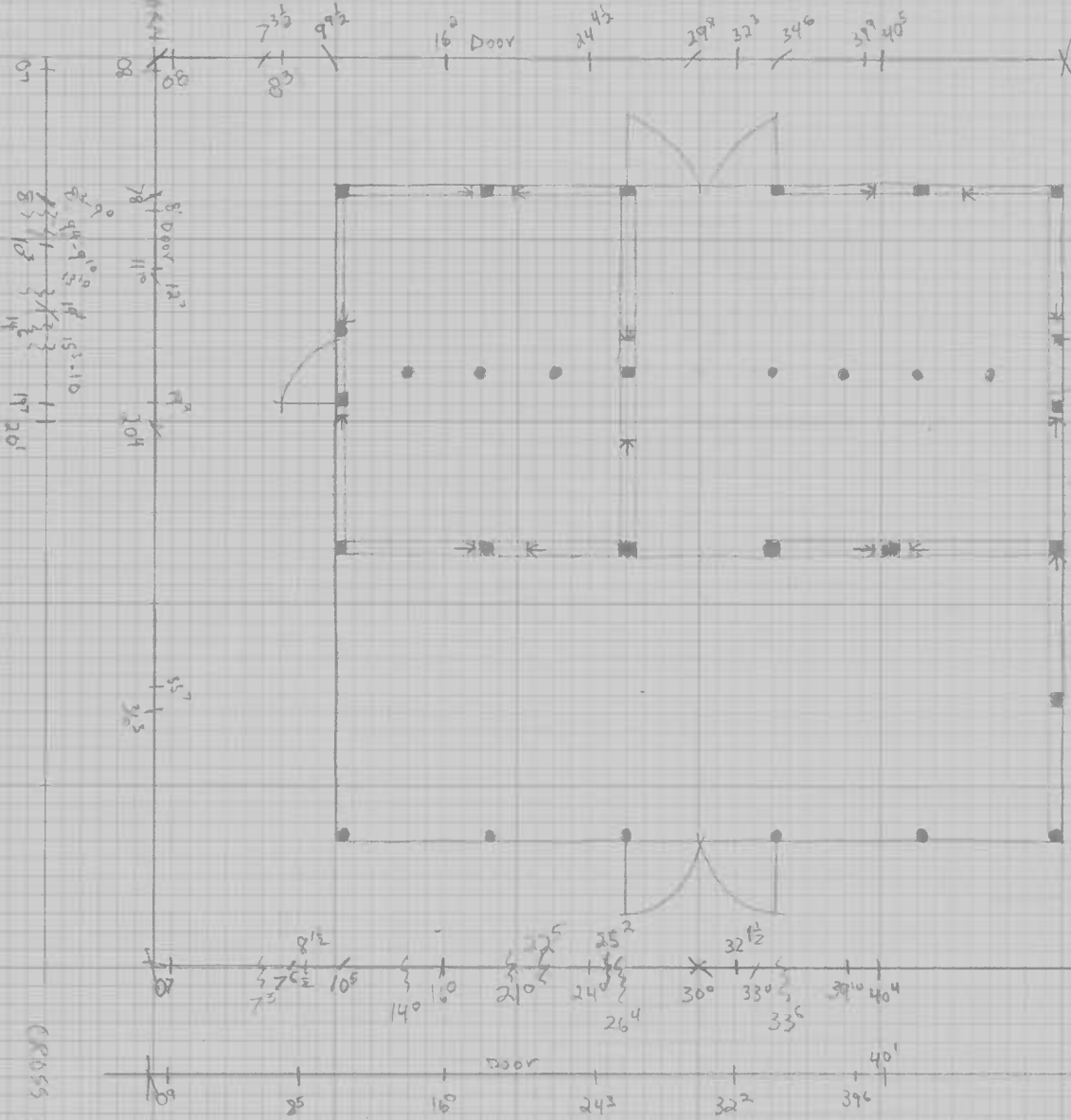
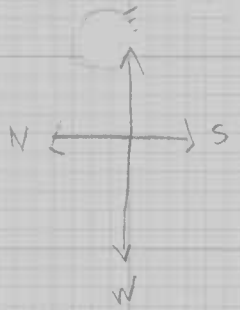
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historical Period theme(s): ca. 1830-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

This barn has been altered little over the years. The most significant changes have been the addition of a metal roof, the insertion of concrete blocks for support, and the rebuilding of the lower portions of the south shed. It is not apparently associated with any family or farm, so this portion of its history remains unknown to us.

2029 HAWKIN DRIVE 2/13/92 PJM SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

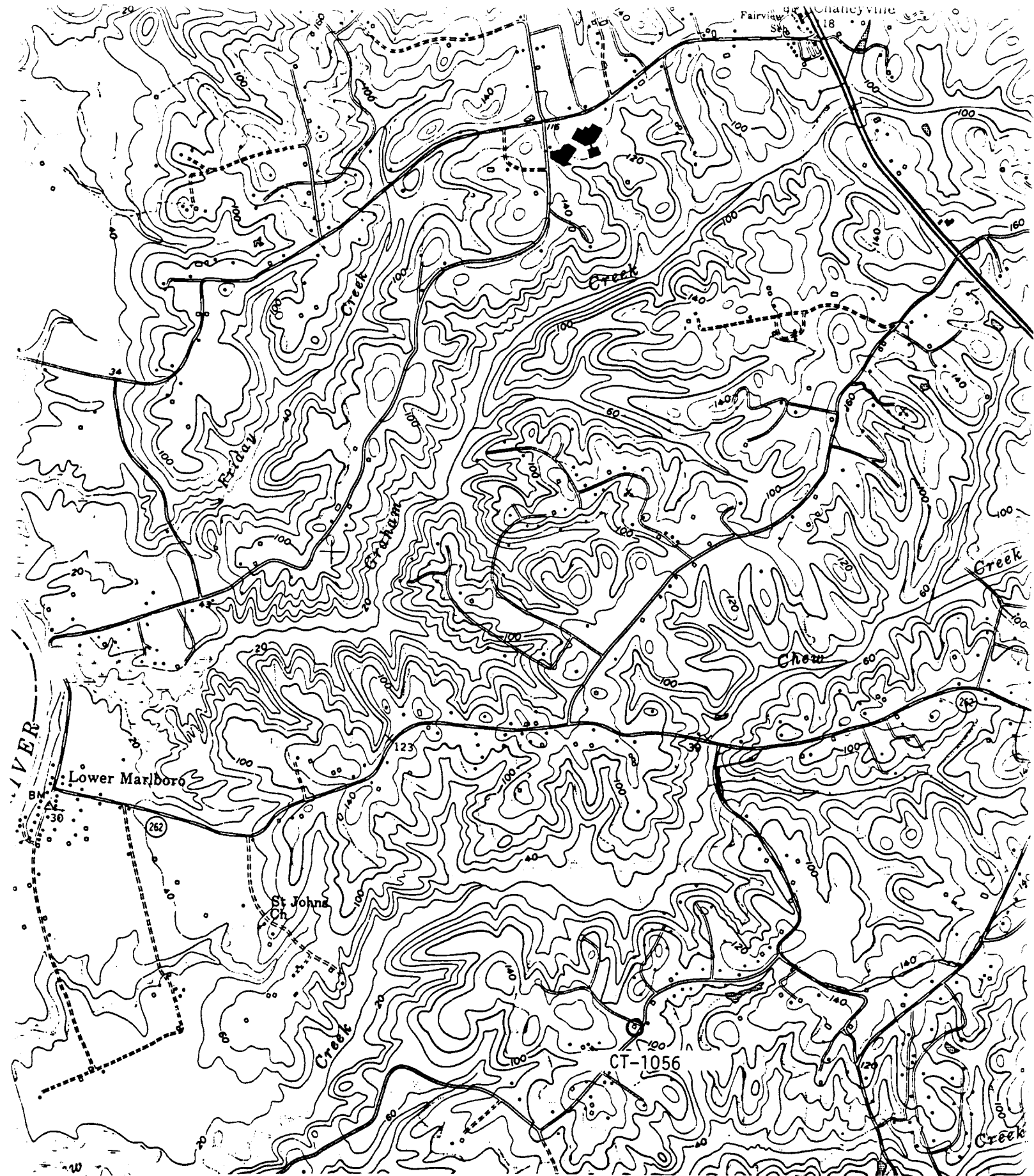
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x = scarf joint

} = unsplit mortise

CROSS SECTION



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979



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Huntingtown

Patricia McGuire

Southwest

April, 1990